REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	28 September 1999
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Deepth2.jpg
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Computer Printout
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature: Running time:

Trailers: Running time:

Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The computer printout *Deepth2.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication promotes and supports sexual conduct with or upon the body of a dead person and promotes and supports the infliction of extreme violence.

The printout is a hard copy of a computer image file. The image is roughly drawn in cartoon style and shows a man's penis penetrating the neck cavity of a naked woman who has been decapitated. Sexual characteristics, such as breast and penis, are drawn in an exaggerated fashion and associated text gruesomely mimics the sound of the sexual act. The woman's severed head faces the viewer in the foreground, dripping blood. The performance of a sexual act upon a woman who is clearly dead, and the horrific detail of the extreme violence inflicted on her, are presented for the sexual arousal of the viewer. Despite the character of the image as a fantasy in cartoon form, approval and encouragement for the activities depicted is clearly supplied.

The relevant sections of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 (NZBR Act) have been considered. The publication promotes and supports activities listed under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 and is deemed objectionable. The deeming provisions of s3(2) override the right to the freedom of expression set out in s14 of the NZBR Act.

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